ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of making a magnetic alloy material includes the steps of: preparing a melt of an alloy material having a predetermined composition; rapidly cooling and solidifying the melt to obtain a rapidly solidified alloy represented by: $Fe_{100-a-b-c}RE_aA_bTM_c \text{ where } RE \text{ is at least one rare-earth element}$ selected from La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Pm, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er and Tm and including at least about 90 at% of La; A is at least one element selected from Al, Si, Ga, Ge and Sn; TM is at least one transition metal element selected from Sc, Ti, V, Cr, Mn, Co, Ni, Cu and Zn; and 5 at% $\leq a \leq 10$ at%, 4.7 at% $\leq b \leq 18$ at% and 0 at% $\leq c \leq 9$ at%; and producing a compound phase having an NaZn₁₃-type crystal structure in at least about 70 vol% of the rapidly solidified alloy.